# Security Manager's Electronic Questionnaires for Investigations Processing (e-QIP) Handbook



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#### Introduction

The Electronic Questionnaires for Investigations Processing (e-QIP) is part of an e-government initiative sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The e-QIP allows applicants to electronically enter, update, and transmit their personal investigative data over a secure Internet connection to their employing agency or security management office for review and approval of the personnel security investigation request.

The e-QIP is accessible from a secure website at <a href="www.opm.gov/e-qip">www.opm.gov/e-qip</a> that is designed to hold all personnel security investigative forms.



# Electronic Questionnaires for Investigations Processing (e-QIP)

#### Policy

The Electronic Questionnaires for Investigations Processing (e-QIP) has replaced the Electronic Personnel Security Questionnaire (EPSQ), previously used within the Department of Defense (DoD) as the automated request for personnel security investigations. The e-QIP is part of an e-government initiative sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The e-QIP allows applicants to electronically enter, update, and transmit their personal investigative data over a secure Internet connection to their employing agency or security management office for review and approval of the personnel security investigation (PSI) request.



#### Web Browser Requirements

The e-QIP is compatible with <u>Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE)</u>, Netscape, and Mozilla. The following specific versions will be compatible:

Using <u>Internet Explorer</u> you must have version 5.5 or later, with Service Pack 2. Internet Options for IE should be set as follows:

- Enable JavaScript
- Enable Cookies (e-QIP uses one session cookie only.)
- Enable TLS 1.0
- Enable Scripting

Using <u>Mozilla</u>, you must have version 1.0 or newer. Although security settings may already be defaulted to the proper values, you should verify by doing the following in this order:

- Select "Edit"
- Select "Preferences"
- Select "Privacy and Security"
- Select "SSL"
- Under SSL Protocol Versions, enable "SSL Version 2," "SSL Version 3," and "TLS". You must also verify that they are enabled to use cookies. To do so, go to your browser's toolbar and verify in the following order:
- Select "Edit"
- Select "Preferences"
- Select "Privacy and Security"
- Select "Cookies" (e-QIP uses one session of cookies only.)



#### Web Browser Requirements

Ensure that either "enable cookies for the originating website only" or "enable all cookies" is checked. (e-QIP uses one session cookie only.)

The e-QIP is also compatible with  $\underline{\text{Netscape Navigator}}$ , 6.1 and newer.

If using <u>JAWS</u> screen-reading software, please note that JAWS requires the use of Internet Explorer, version 5.5 or newer.

Users must use these settings on their browser to properly operate e-QIP.

# **System Access Request Form**

SYSTEM ACCESS REQUEST (SAR)  DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR SECURITY (DISS) USER  SCO, 2780 Airport Drive, Suite 400, Attn: Customer Service, Columbus, OH, 43219-2268  Phone: 888.282.7682 FAX: 614.827.1544  PRIVACY ACT ADVISEMENT: The information requested is for the purpose of granting access to DoD/DSS automated systems. Providing requested information, to include your social security number (SSN), is voluntary. However, your access may not be granted if all requested information is not provided. AUTHORITIES: Executive Orders (EO) 10450, 10865, 1233 and 10865. The SSN.						
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3.	USER INFORMATION Last Name: First Name: Social Security Number: Job Title: Organization Name: CAGE Code (NISP Contractor Only): Duty Station Address (street, city, state, zip code):	Middle Name:   Grade/Rank (Government Only):   Office Symbol:   Agency Code (DCII Only):				
	Telephone Number: e-Mail Address:	Fax Number:				
4.	APPLICATIONS  Defense Central Index of Investigations (DCII) (Government Only)  Agency Administrator  User  Query Add Delete Update File Demand (Provide Accreditation Code):  File Demand Print	OTHER    Feedback & Automated Security Plan Template (FAST)   DISS Gateway   Industrial Security Facilities Database (ISFD)   Other (Please Specify)				
5.	JAMS USER ROLES CAF: CAF Team: Account Manager Security Assistant Pending User Special Case User Can Handle: CAF Employees Presidential SI Investigation Request Permissions: Review e-QIP User Permissions: SAP SCI	☐ Approve e-QIP ☐ TS ☐ Secret				
Reports JCAVS FOIA/PA LAA  Case Management Update Case Component Assign CAF Cases Review Required Reassign to Other CAF Assign/Reassign Cases Reassign from Other Employee						

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## **System Access Request Form**

User L. E-QIP	SSN (last 4 digits)			
6. JCAVS (Note: request is for an Industry Account Manag				
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porate Officer (SCI)	Level 2 MACOM/Activity/HQ/Agency SSO			
Level 3 ompany FSO Officer/Manager (SCI)	Level 3 Base/Post/Ship/etc. SSO			
Level 4 Corporate Officers Manager	Level 4 MACOM Non-SCI Security Manager			
Level 5 Company FSO Officers/Manager	Level 5 Base/Post/Ship/Non-SCI Security Mgr			
Level 6 Unit Security Manager/Visitor Control Level 7 Guard Entry Personnel	Level 6 Unit Security Manager Level 7 Collateral Entry Controller			
	Level 8 SCIF Entry Controller			
Level 8 Suard Entry Personnel (SCI)	Level 8 SCIF Entry Controller  Level 10 Visitor Management			
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8. U USET Protection of the use and password that I will be provided. I also understand that I am not authorized to share by user ID and password with any other individuals. I will utilize all tools and applications in accordance with the Account Management Policy and Security Policy, as well as all applicable U.S. laws and DoD regulations.				
Account 's Printed Name	User's Signature and Date			
9. VAL Manager I hav appropriate security coordinator/ma above user have been met. Clearance Level: Clearance Granted Date: Clearance Issued by:	Type of Investigation:  Date Investigation Completed:  CAGE Code (Contractors Only):			
Printed Name of DoD Security Call Center Representative or Security Official	Signature of DoD Security Call Center Representative or Security Official, and Date			
10. ADDITIONAL SAR DIRECTIVES  • The SAR must be signed by the Nominating Official and the User or it will not be processed.  • The signed SAR should be scanned to a PDF file and e-mailed to: account request@dss.mil. If scanning capability is not available, the SAR may be faxed to 614.827.1544, Attn: Customer Service, or mailed to DISCO, 2780 Airport Drive, Suite 400, Attn: Customer Service, Columbus, OH, 43219-2268.  • Per the Note in Item 6, "JCAVS," the JCAVS Corporate Account Manager or FSO must fax requests to (703) 325-1003, rather than to DISCO.  • Notification of access will be sent to the User's e-mail address.				

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Nominating Official may the Facility Security Officer, Security Manager, Information Systems Security Officer, Agency Administrator, etc.

Validating Official is either a representative of the DoD Security Call Center, or, if the SAR is staying within the agency, the appropriate security official.



# Joint Clearance Access Verification System (JCAVS) Requirements

Before processing an individual for a personnel security investigation (PSI) using e-QIP, the following requirements must be met:

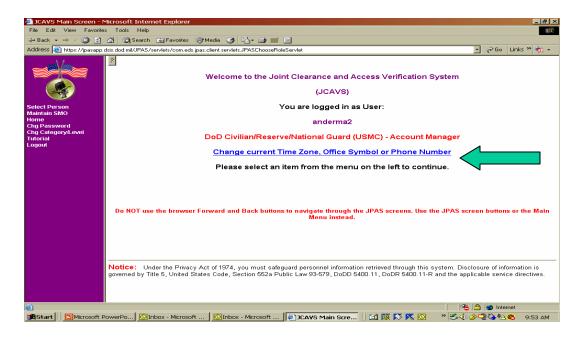
- Person Category must be "active" (no separation date)
- Person Category must not have "access suspended"
- Person must not be in "Due Process", e.g. pending response to an LOI/SOR, etc.
- Person must not already have an active PSI request.
- If the person's eligibility has been "Denied" or "Revoked", it must be older than 12 months. The date of the denial/revocation will be on the person summary, on the "Adjudication Summary" line.

The JCAVS e-QIP initiator must meet the following rules:

- Must be a JCAVS user level 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 and have Initiator permission, and
- The Person Category must have been in-processed within JCAVS as owned or serviced.
- For assistance, go to "www.navysecurity.navy.mil" and click on JCAVS to review a copy of the Navy JCAVS User's Manual.



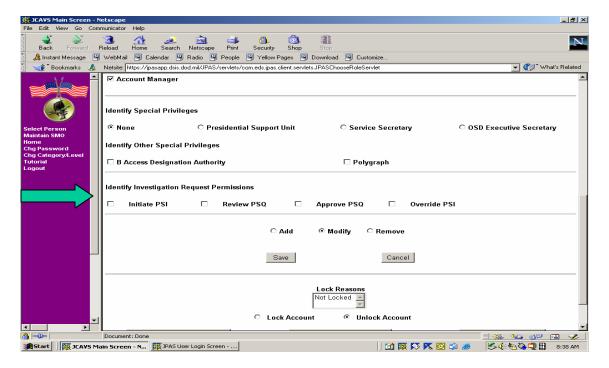
## Establishing e-QIP Permission



The "Add/Modify/Remove JCAVS User" screen allows Account Managers to add, modify, or remove a JCAVS user and assign e-QIP permissions.



#### Granting e-QIP Permission



Only "Initiators" or "Overriding Initiators" affiliated with a Security Management Office that has an active owning or servicing relationship with the Person Category may create or Initiate an Investigation Request.

The "Initiator" may create, modify, initiate PSI, stop PSQ, and resume PSQ, JCAVS levels 2-6.

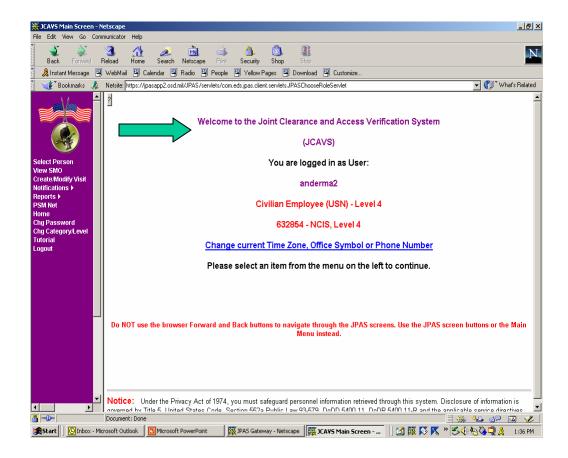
The "Reviewer" may not modify Investigation Request information, JCAVS levels 2-6.

The "Approver" may change any Investigation Request information that is provided by the Initiator, JCAVS levels 2-6.

The "Overriding Initiator" may Create, Modify, Initiate PSI, Stop PSQ, and Resume PSQ, JCAVS levels 2 and 4 only.



#### JCAVS Welcome Screen

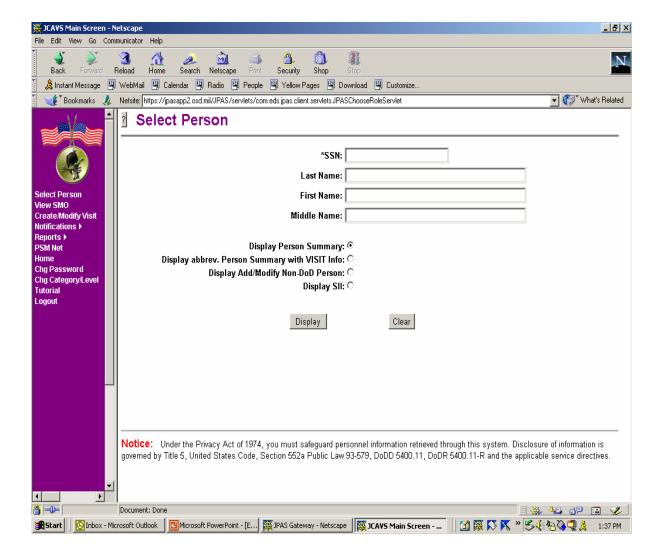


The Security Manager will access the Investigation Request function via the Joint Clearance and Verification System (JCAVS) Person Summary:

-Select Person function from the Main Menu.



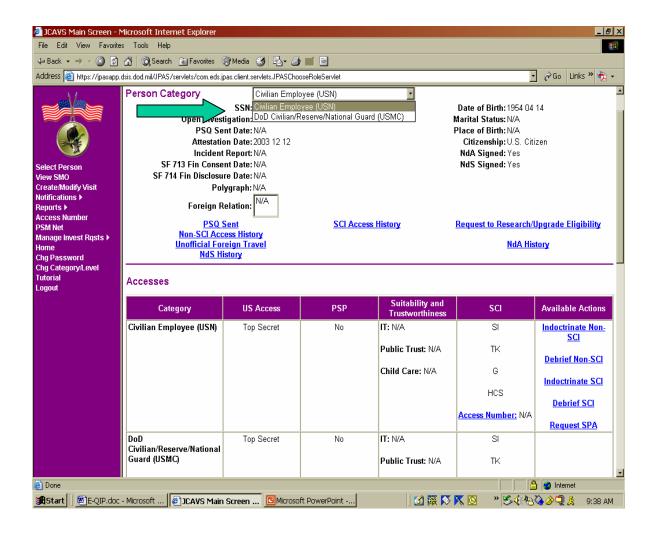
#### JCAVS Select Person



Type in the SSN of the individual for whom you are initiating an investigation.



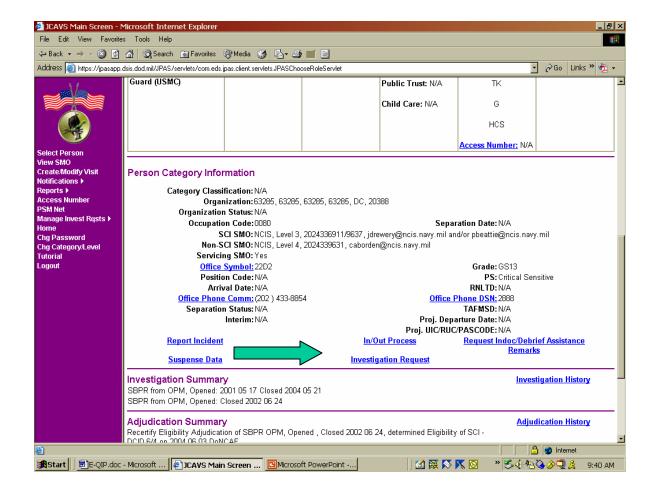
#### Selecting Correct Person Category



Select the correct "Person Category".



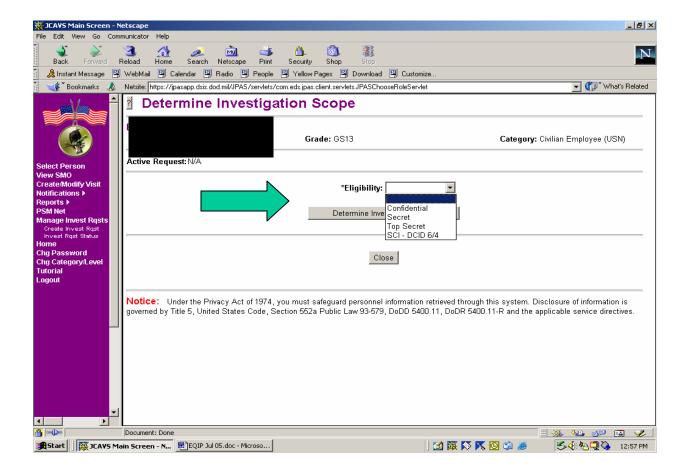
#### Investigation Request



Select the "Investigation Request" link.



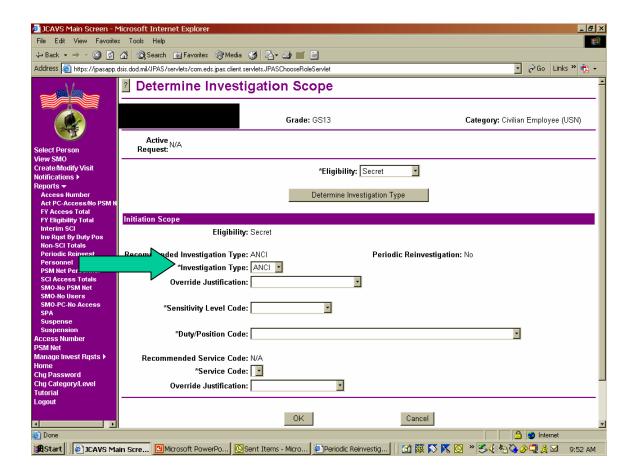
## Determining Investigation Scope



Open the drop down box. Determine what eligibility is required.



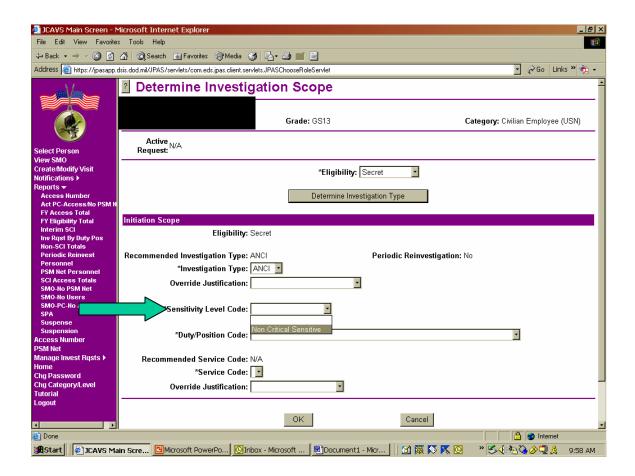
#### Determining Investigation Scope



The investigation automatically populates when you choose the type of eligibility.



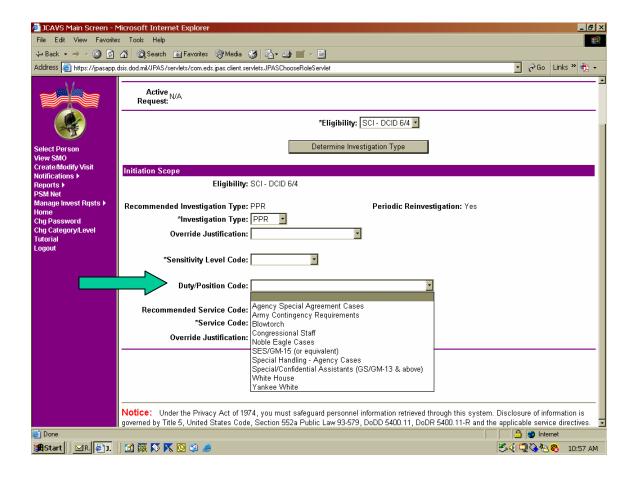
#### Determining Sensitivity Level



Populate the position sensitivity level for civilian personnel only.



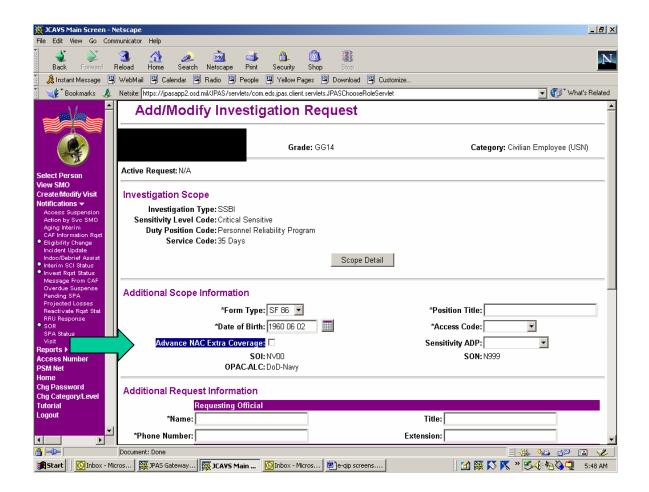
#### Determining Duty/Position Code



Duty Position Code. If you have a special duty/position code listed, highlight the Duty/Position Code which will populate in the blank space. However, in most cases, you will leave this block "blank". This is how OPM determines the time frame to complete an investigation based on priority requirements.



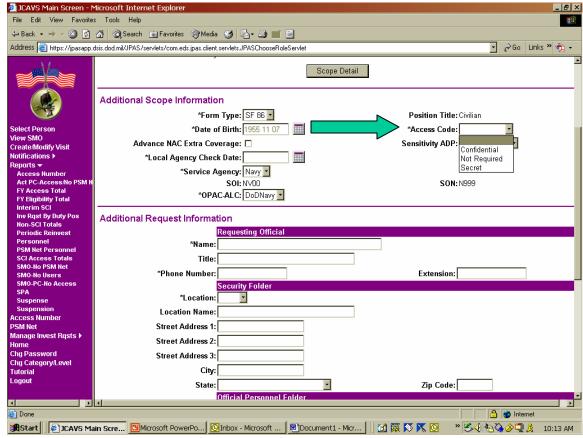
# Requesting Notification of Advanced NAC



If an Advance NAC is required, check the box. Refer to SECNAV M-5510.30 for policy guidance.



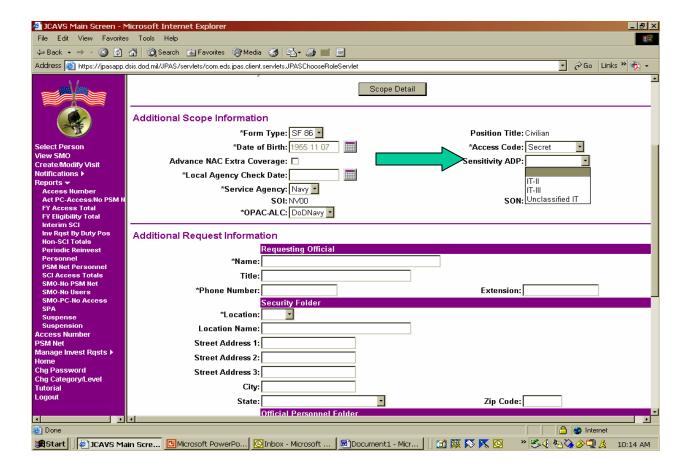
#### Command Access Code



Determine the command requirements for clearance/access to classified national security information, e.g., Top Secret, Secret or Confidential.



# Determining Sensitivity ADP Requirements



IT-1 - Special Sensitive, Critical Sensitive and for all duties requiring an SSBI and/or Top Secret eligibility determination.

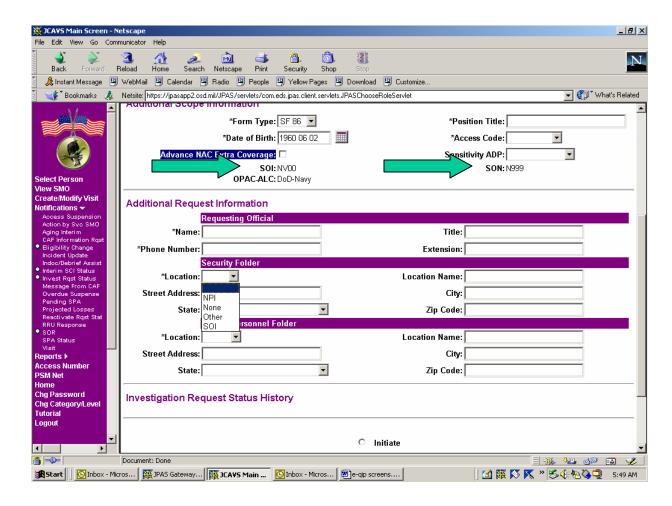
IT-II Non-Critical Sensitive and for duties requiring an ANACI or NACLC and for duties requiring Secret or Confidential eligibility determination.

IT-III - All others.

Refer to SECNAVINST 5510.30 series.



# Security Office Identifier (SOI) and Submitting Office Number (SON)



The applicant's Person Category <u>automatically</u> determines the Security Office Identifier (SOI) (NV00 for the DON CAF).

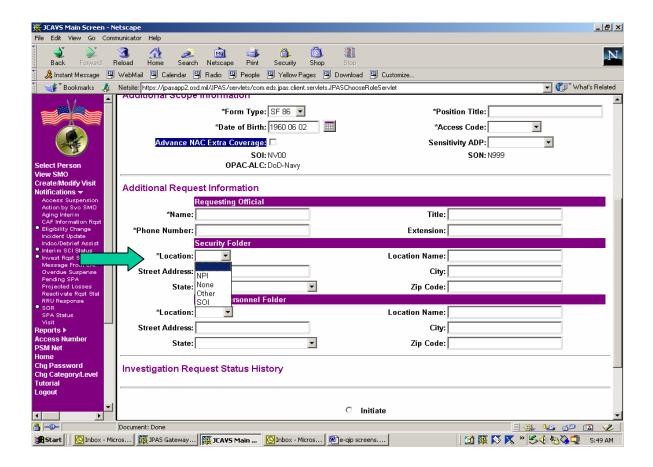
Use your Submitting Office Number (SON).

The OPAC-ALC will always be DoD-Navy for all Navy and Marine Corps personnel.

This information must be present for successful initiation.



#### Location of Security Folder



Complete the Requesting Officials name, etc.

For Security Folder, click on one of the following:

NPI - No pertinent information.

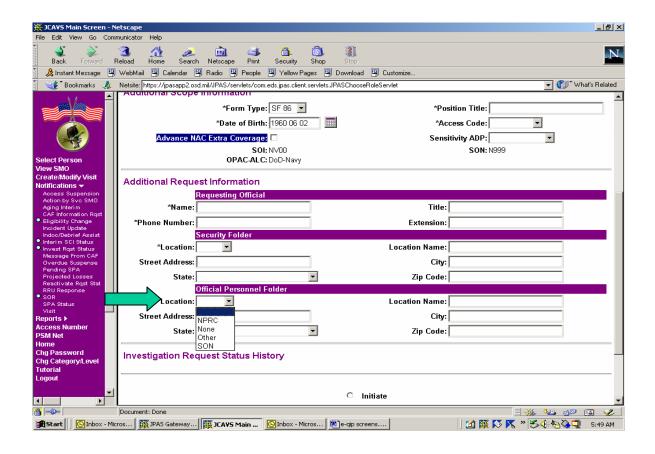
None - Self-explanatory.

Other - If you physically have a personnel security folder, so indicate.

SOI - Do Not Use. This is the DON CAF.



# Location of Official Personnel Folder



For Official Personnel Folder (OPF) click on one of the following:

NPRC - if the Official Personnel Folder (OPF) is at the National Personnel Records Center.

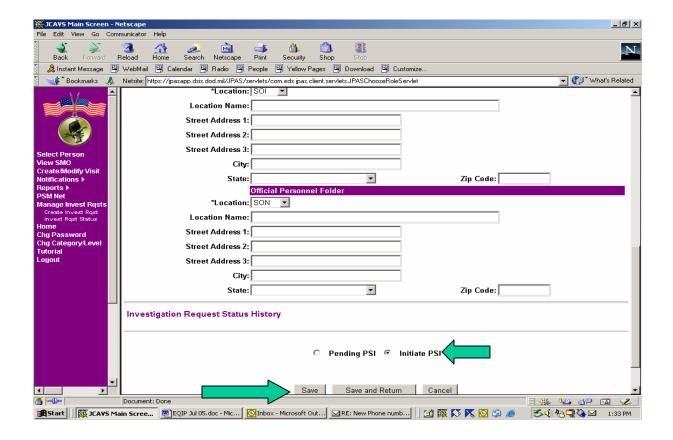
SON - if the OPF is a the Submitting office.

None - Self-explanatory.

Other - if the OPF is at another location and furnish the address.



## Initiate the e-QIP Request

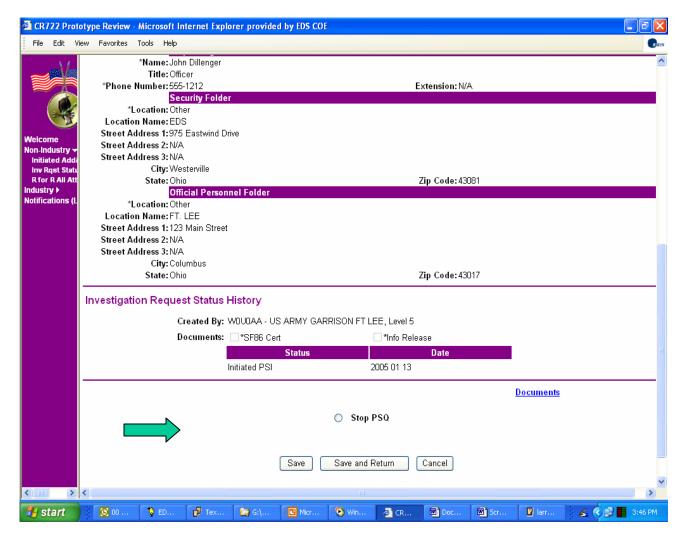


Click "Initiate" and then "Save".

SPECIAL NOTE: When you click on the "Pending" radio button, that allows you to save your work without initiating the personnel security investigation. It prevents the 30 day clock from starting. Information is only saved in JPAS and nothing is sent to e-QIP allowing the applicant to begin the process of populating the e-QIP personnel security questionnaire.



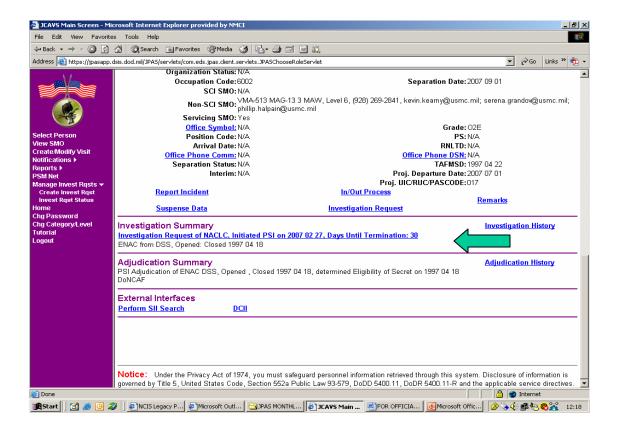
## Initiated e-QIP Request



This reflects an initiated PSI



#### Record of Request



This record reflects an initiated NACLC. The applicant has been approved to begin the e-QIP process.



#### Time Limits

The following are the timelines when initiating, reviewing and approving an e-QIP:

#### Initiating

Once an Investigation Request is initiated in JPAS, an applicant has **30 days** to login to e-QIP and start their PSQ or the Investigation Request is terminated.

Once an Investigation Request is initiated in JPAS, an applicant has **90 days** after their <u>initial</u> e-QIP login date to complete their PSQ or the Investigation Request is terminated.

#### Reviewing and Approving

Once the applicant has completed the PSQ, it must be reviewed and approved within **90 days** or the Investigation Request is terminated.

What are some other important e-QIP timelines?

#### Pending PSQs

An Investigation Request that remains in a Pending Status and is not "Initiated" will be deleted **30 days** after creation.

#### Stopped PSQs

If an applicant has started to complete a PSQ but the Investigation Request is stopped, it must be resumed within 90 days.

If the applicant has not started to complete a PSQ, but the Investigation Request is stopped, it must be resumed within 30 days.

#### Revised PSQs

An applicant has **60 days** to log into e-QIP and complete updates to their PSQ if revisions are required.



## Time Limits

Attachments not submitted within **60 days** of an e-QIP submission will cause the e-QIP to terminate.

Paper copies of attachments will no longer be accepted.



#### How to Approve e-QIP

#### How to Review and Approve an e-QIP Submission

Reviewer/Approver must be a JCAVS User level 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 with permissions granted.

Reviewer/Approver must be in the initiating JCAVS SMO.

JPAS notifies the initiating SMO through JCAVS notifications that the investigation request is ready for review.

All releases, Certification of SF86, Authorization for Release of Information and Release of Medical Information forms must be associated with investigation request for the **Approve** permission.

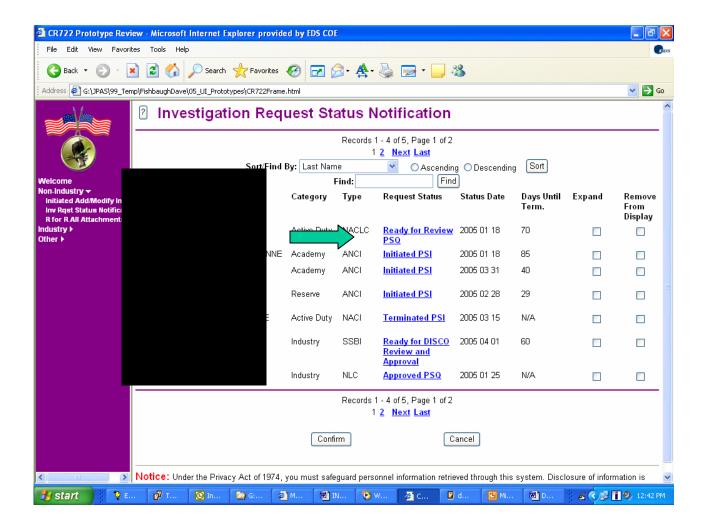
The SMO is also notified of each subsequent status change, e.g., approved, revised, stopped, etc.

Investigation Request Status Notifications are not removed by the system and must be manually removed. You must click Remove From Display and then Save.

The JCAVS requester can access the Add/Modify Investigation Request screen to review and approve the investigation request. The JCAVS Person Summary Investigation Summary case line also displays Investigation Request status.



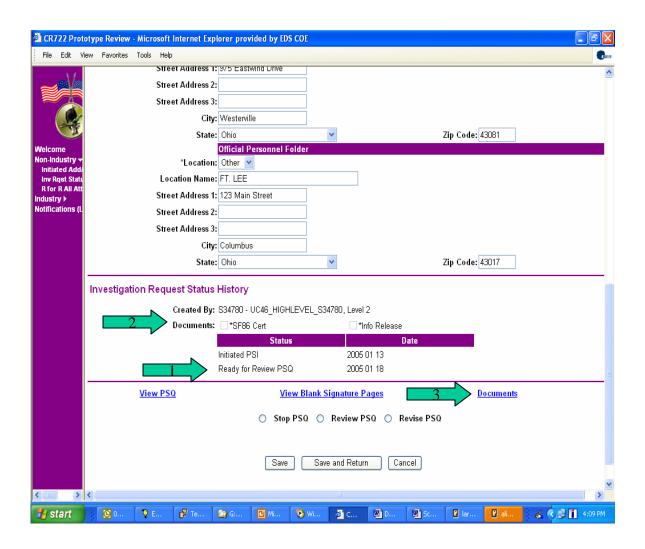
#### Investigation Request Status Notification



This is a sample JCAVS notification to the Security Management Office showing the questionnaire has been released and is available for your review.



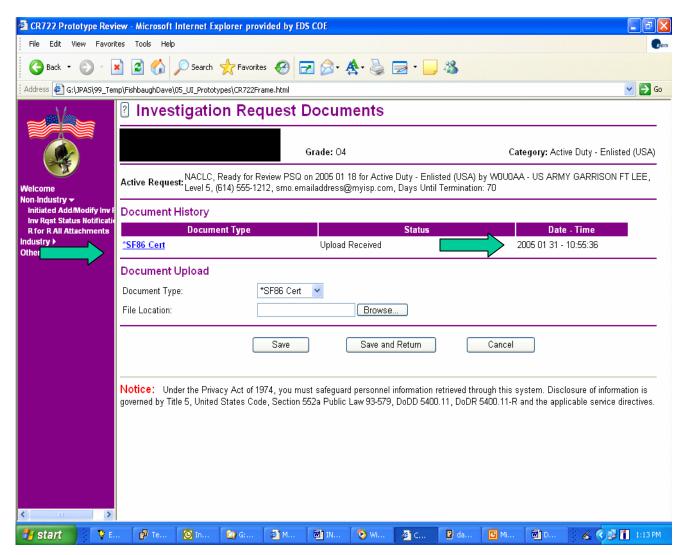
#### Investigation Request Status History



- 1. PSQ ready for review however
- 2. No documents attached.
- 3. Click documents



#### Investigation Request Documents

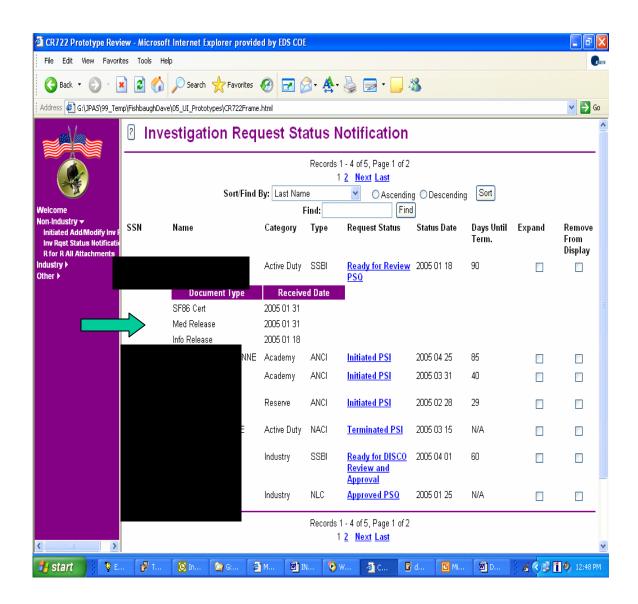


Only one document is attached, the SF86 Certification Form. Date and Time is recorded advising when the SF86 Certification Form was forwarded.

The Authorization to Release Form is still required before you will be able to approve. You must upload or fax the Release form.



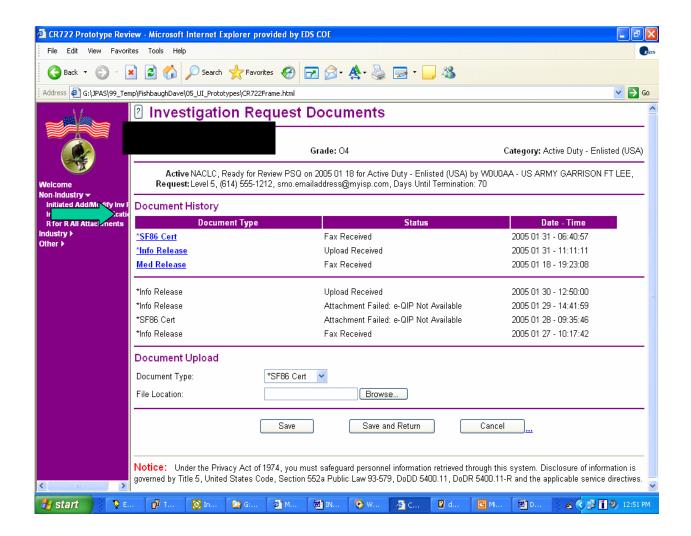
### Investigation Request Status Notification



This notification reflects that all documents are available. Now you will be able to Review and Approve the PSQ.



#### Investigation Request Documents History



This reflects a history of actions taken to submit all documents through JPAS.



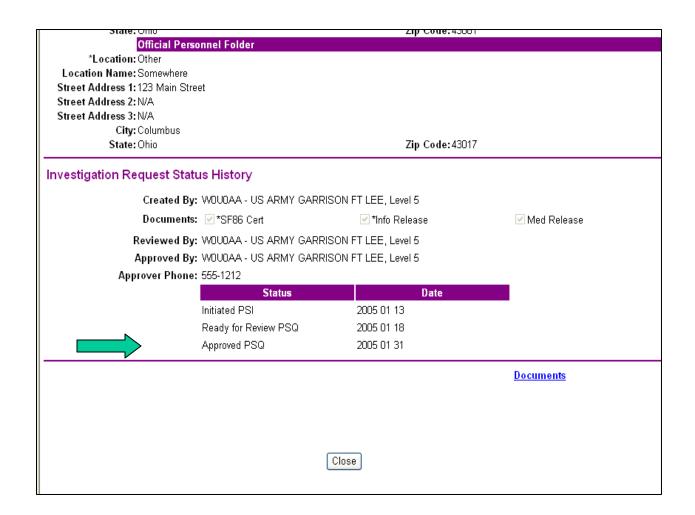
## Ready for Review and Approval

	Official Personnel Folder				
*Location:	Other 💌				
Location Name:	FT. LEE				
Street Address 1:	123 Main Street				
Street Address 2:					
Street Address 3:					
City:	Columbus				
State:	Ohio	~	Zip Code: 43017		
Documents:	S History  W0U0AA - US ARMY GARI  ✓ *SF86 Cert  Status  Initiated PSI  Ready for Review PSQ	RRISON FT LEE, Level 5  *Info Release  Date  2005 01 13 2005 01 18	✓ Med Release		
<u>View PSQ</u> Stop PSQ ○					
Save and Return Cancel					

All documents are available. You can now Review and Approval the PSQ.



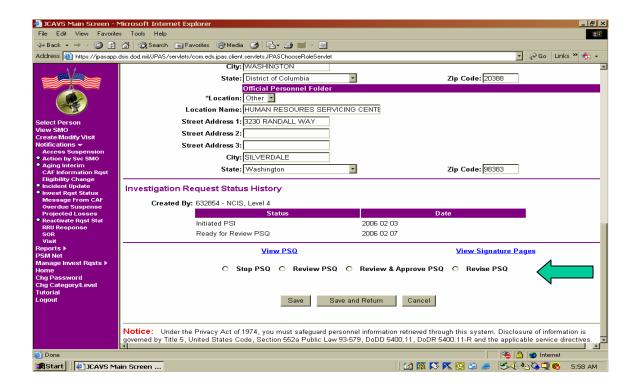
#### Record of Approval



This reflects the date that the PSQ was approved and submitted to OPM.



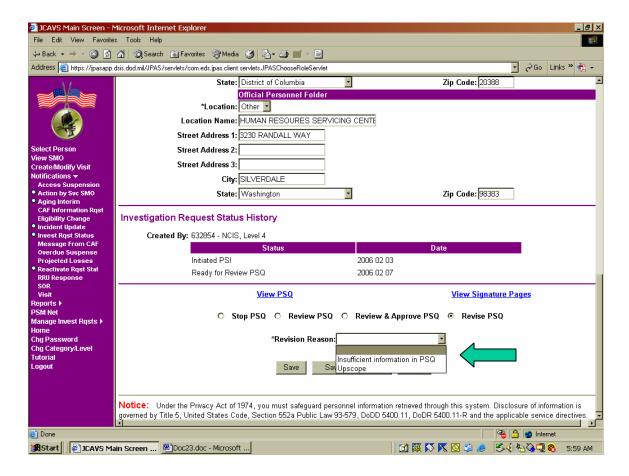
# Modification/Revision of Investigation Request



The "Approver" or "Overriding Approver" determines that the applicant needs to modify the PSQ.



## Revise Personnel Security Questionnaire



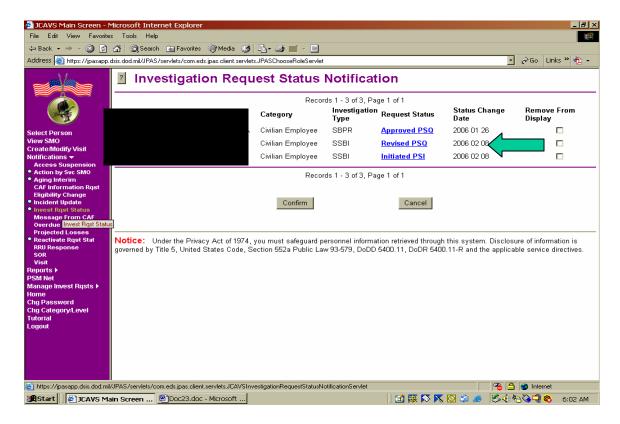
The "Approver" or "Overriding Approver" chooses a revision reason.

The "Approver" or "Overriding Approver" submits the revised investigation request.

JPAS sends the revised investigation request to e-QIP. The e-QIP notifies JPAS that the investigation request revision was accepted.



## Revise Personnel Security Questionnaire



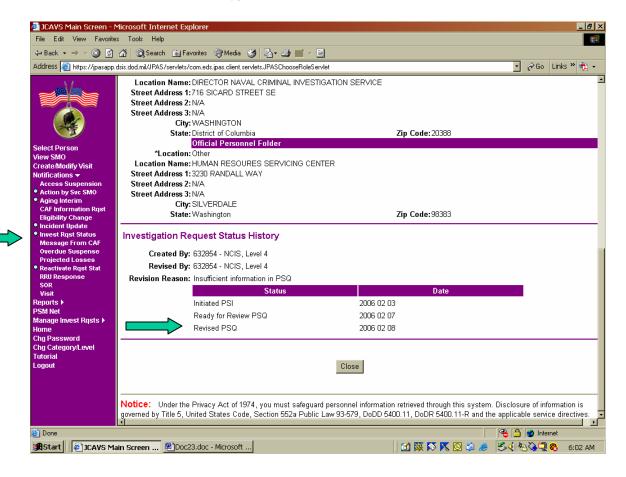
JPAS provides the investigation request status to the initiating Security Management Office.

External to JPAS, the "Approver" or "Overriding Approver" notifies the applicant to make necessary changes to the PSQ in e-QIP.

If the applicant can not get into e-QIP using their former "Golden Questions" or they have forgotten their "Golden Questions" the applicant must contact the Defense Security Service (DSS) Helpdesk at 1-888-282-7682 to have their "Golden Questions" reset.



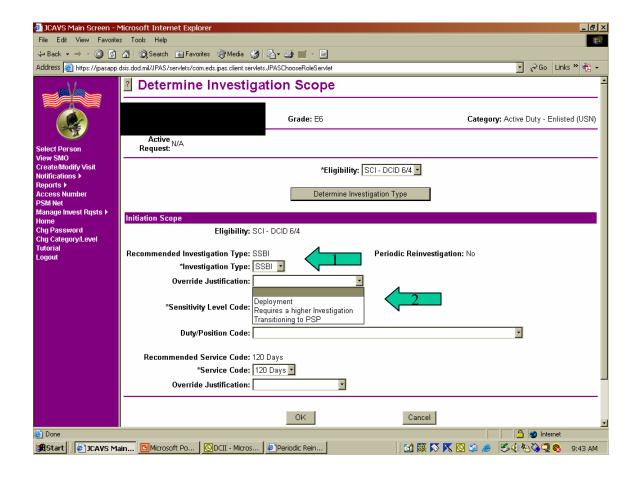
# Revise Personnel Security Questionnaire



IMPORTANT NOTICE: Each time an applicant has to revise their forms, the PSQ Case Number changes. The certifications must be resigned and redated and submitted to the Security Manager.



## Override a Pending Investigation Request



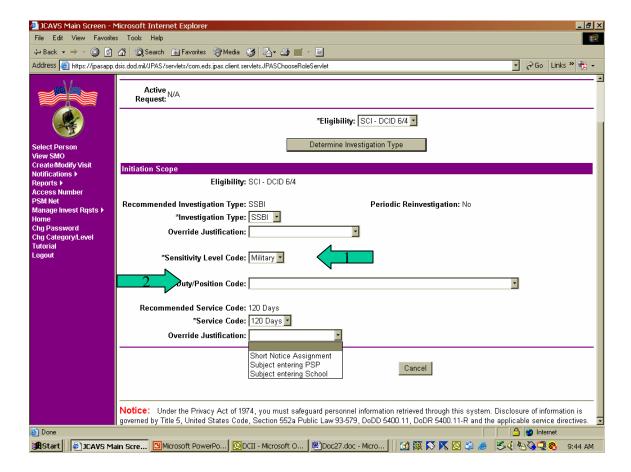
If it is determined that the applicant requires a different PSI for that which has been validated, you must override the request.

Only levels 2 and 4 have permission.

- 1. Choose the type of investigation
- 2. Choose the justification for the requested investigation.



## Override a Pending Investigation Request



- 1. If a civilian, complete the "Sensitivty Level Code
- 2. Choose the sensitive level code. If appropriate, select the Duty/Position Code and choose the required justification for the request.



### PSI Automation Signature Pages

The following signature pages must be received in JPAS to process an Investigation Request.

- Certification of SF86
- Authorization for Release of Information Release
- Medical Information

There are two methods to provide the signature pages through JPAS:

Fax or scan and upload

NOTE: Investigation initiated prior to 3 March 2007: Fax the signature pages to OPM at 724-794-1469/1412/1033.

Investigations initiated after 3 March: Fax the signature pages to 1-866-804-0686 or uploaded directly through selections in JPAS.



## Fax/Uploading Signature Pages

Any person can fax a signature page. JPAS optically reads, using Optical Character Recognition (OCR), information on the fax to associate the fax to the correct investigation request and document type.

The Security Manager can print blank signature pages from JPAS, or the person can print the signature pages from e-QIP once they have been certified.

Faxed documents are stored in the JPAS repository until the investigation request is approved. The documents are sent to e-QIP with the approval.

DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING ON THE SIGNATURE FORMS.

DO NOT SEND A COVER SHEET.

Fax phone number: 1-866-804-0686

#### Uploading the forms

The JCAVS User can browse and select a document from a local or network drive to upload.

The User identifies the type of document and the appropriate investigation request through selections in JPAS.

Documents are uploaded directly to e-QIP in real-time and are not stored in the JPAS document repository.



### Fax/Uploading Signature Pages

Signature pages can be viewed and replaced in JPAS.

Investigation Request Status Notification

- Redisplayed when a signature page is received
- Displays receipt of currently associated signature pages

JPAS displays Status History of signature documents for an Investigation Request.

- Method (Fax or Upload)
- Result (Success or Failure)
- If Failure, reason for failure. Only documents that could be associated with the investigation request are displayed in the status history.
- Date and Time



#### JCAVS Approval Process

	Official Personnel Folder				
*Location:					
Location Name:	FT. LEE				
Street Address 1:	123 Main Street	·			
Street Address 2:					
Street Address 3:					
City:	Columbus				
State:	Ohio	~	Zip Code: 43017		
Investigation Request Status History					
Created By: W0U0AA - US ARMY GARRISON FT LEE, Level 5					
Documents:	✓ *SF86 Cert	✓ *Info Release	✓ Med Release		
	Status	Date			
	Initiated PSI	2005 01 13			
	Ready for Review PSQ	2005 01 18			
View PSQ	View Bla	nk Signature Pages	<u>Documents</u>		
○ Stop PSQ ○ Review PSQ ○ Review & Approve PSQ ○ Revise PSQ					
Save Save and Return Cancel					

At this point you can "Review", "Review and Approve", "Revise" or "Stop" the PSQ based on permissions you were granted.

At any point after initiation and prior to approval or termination of an investigation request, an Initiator, Overriding Initiator, Approver, or Overriding Approver determines that investigation request should be stopped.

The Initiator, Overriding Initiator, Approve, or Overriding Approver chooses to stop the request.

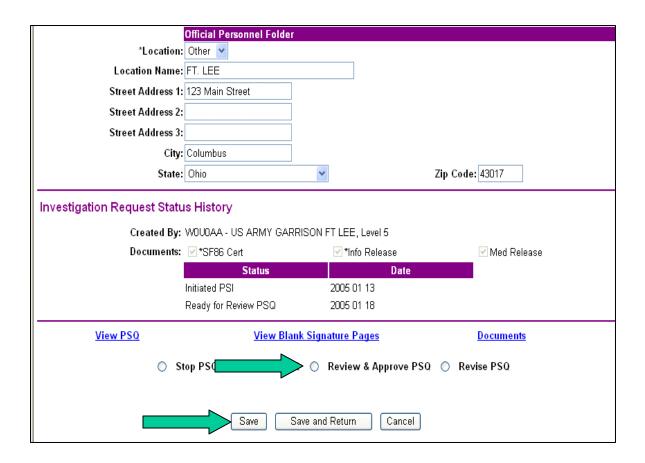
JPAS sends the stop request to e-QIP. The e-QIP notifies JPAS that the investigation request has been stopped. JPAS notifies the initiating SMO of the stopped investigation request.

At any point after initiation and prior to termination of a stopped investigation request, an Initiator, Overriding Initiator, Approver, or Overriding Approver determines that the investigation request should resume. The Initiator, Overriding Initiator, Approver, or Overriding Approver my resume the investigation.

To view the applicant's release forms click "View Signature Forms".



#### Submitting e-QIP

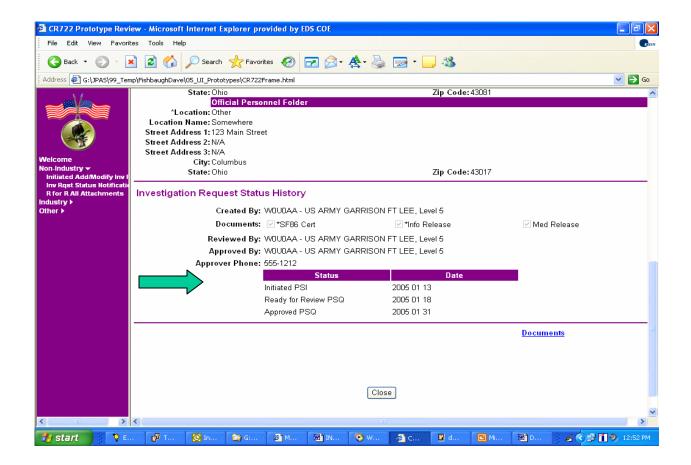


If you are ready to submit the questionnaire, click "Approved" and then "Save".

Note: The investigation will not be scheduled by OPM until receipt of applicant's release forms and fingerprint cards.



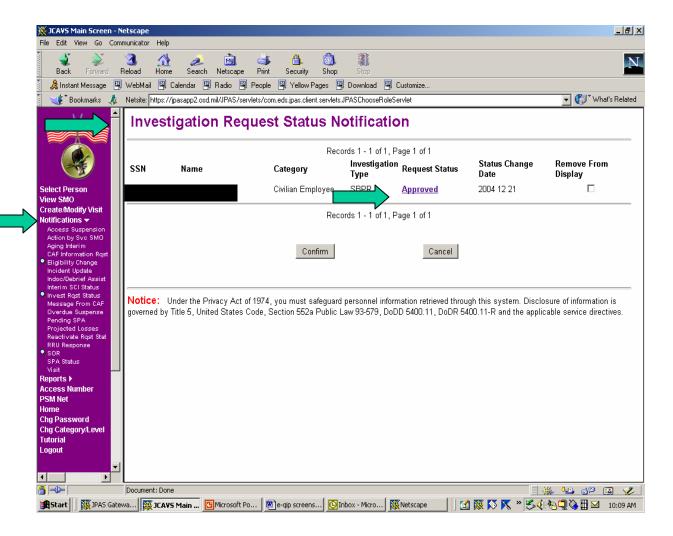
### Investigation Request Status



The JCAVS record above reflects the entire process.



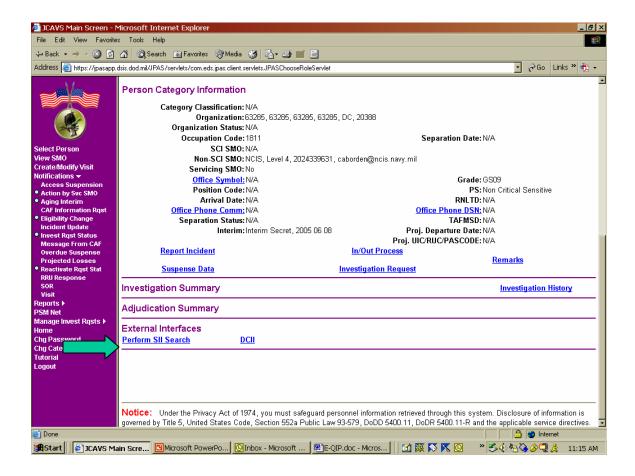
#### JCAVS Notification



The JCAVS notification reflects that the Security Manager has approved and submitted the questionnaire.



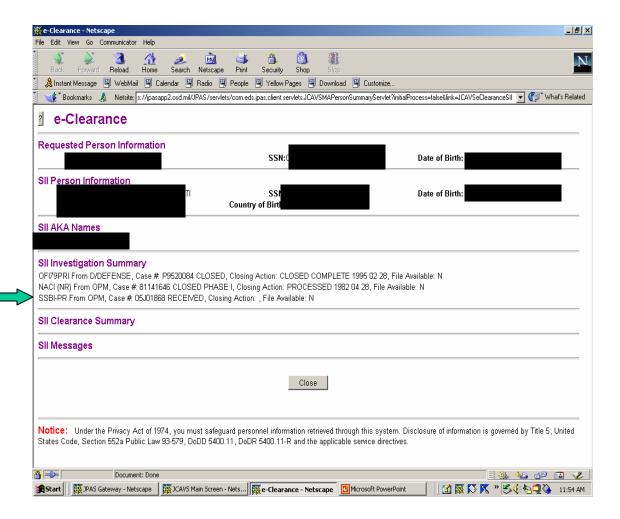
### Investigation Receipt



To verify that OPM has received the e-QIP, click on "Perform SII Search".



#### Investigation Receipt



OPM has received the e-QIP. Once the e-QIP release forms and fingerprint cards, if applicable, are mailed to OPM the investigation will be scheduled and reflected as an open investigation in JCAVS.



## Mailing Instructions

Mail fingerprint cards (SF-87 or FD 258s) to:

E-QIP Rapid Response Team - Used for FEDEX OPM-FIPC 1137 Branchton Rd.

Boyers, PA 16018

Or
E-QIP Rapid Response Team
OPM-FIPC
P.O. Box 618



## Items Most Often Requiring Corrective Action

- Releases not dated, signed or legible. Modifications must be initialed by the applicant.
- DOB or POB discrepancy between the fingerprint card (FPC) and the questionnaire.
- Full middle name required on FPC (must match the questionnaire). If no middle name indicate "NMN", if initial only indicate "IO".
- City, State, Zip Codes are required for ALL residence and employment addresses.
- SSNs and POB required for cohabitants on SSBI requests.
- There are employment and residence gaps on the questionnaire.
- If legally separated from spouse, the applicant must reflect separation date and current or last known residence of spouse.
- Failure to include marital status of previous spouse, if unknown, indicate unknown.
- Clarify debts; indicate if still outstanding. Provide comments in remarks section, if needed.
- The applicant's signed certification of accuracy of e-QIP must be within 180 days.



#### Fax Errors

#### Possible Fax Errors

•Identifying information on the fax cannot be associated to Investigation Request in JPAS

The JPAS and the fax is associated with wrong the wrong Investigation Request or Document Type